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## **SSG Issues Consulting, Research, and Advisory Subscription Services BPAs**

**MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala--**The Headquarters Standard Systems Group's (HQ SSG's) Acquisition Division issued new Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) this week for Consulting, Research, and Advisory Subscription Services. Following a best value determination, BPAs were issued to The Meta Group and Gartner Inc.

All Department of Defense (DoD) organizations are authorized to order from these BPAs, which will run for one year and will have two additional one-year options. The estimated combined value is \$25 million over the three year period.

The BPAs enable DoD customers to purchase independent consulting, access to current published Information Technology (IT) research, and access to hundreds of analysts at considerable discounts from the vendor's comparable Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contract.

"Our current acquisition approach ensures our customers have access to the latest IT products and services at competitive prices," said Frank Weber, HQ SSG Executive Director.

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“The Acquisition Division intends to remain focused on acquisition reforms that deliver the highest payoff for greater business efficiencies, increased performance and cost savings,” Col. Dave McKinney, Acquisition Director, said. “The streamlined approach associated with the Acquisition Division’s efforts is on the leading edge of acquisition reform.”

Under the umbrella of the acquisition approach known as Information Technology Tools, or IT2, HQ SSG has put in place commercial (IT) procurement vehicles worth an estimated \$2.54 billion in the last three years.

“With the expiration date of several contractual vehicles on the horizon, HQ SSG Acquisition Division recently launched Block 4 in the series of iterative acquisition blocks that are part of the IT2 acquisition strategy,” said Stephen Sigler, Acquisition Program Manager. “Other Supplier Market Categories include Desktops, Notebooks, Servers, I/O Peripherals, Enterprise Software, and High-end Workstations. These acquisitions are tentatively planned over the next year.”

The Standard Systems Group provides and supports secure combat support information systems and networks for the Air Force and DoD components. Today, SSG systems are used at virtually every Air Force operating base – both in garrison and deployed – with more than 200,000 users and 3 million transactions daily. In addition to the various Air Force IT2 BPAs, HQ SSG plans, manages, negotiates and awards numerous other Air Force and DoD contracts.

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